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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 December 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This in response to amendment filed 12/30/2008. No claims have been added. Claims 1-21 have been canceled. No claims have been amended. Claims 22-35 are still pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 22-23, 28-29, 31, 33 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Iwama (US PAT # 6,600,735).

Regarding claims 22 and 35, Iwama teaches in Fig. 1 a basic structure of the invention wherein a calling party (105-a) at a PSTN (104-a) initiates a call set up to a called party (105-b) at PSTN (104-b) utilizing internet (110). Iwama also teaches in a case where a gateway device at a calling side (i.e., a call source), a gateway device at a called side (call destination) and a gate keeper are provided, the calling side gateway device which accepts a call reception from a PSTN assigns a connection condition such as the telephone number of a connection destination, etc. and inquires to the gate keeper. In response to this inquiry, the gate keeper determines the address of a called

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side gateway device which satisfies the request condition, and notifies it to the calling side gateway device. Subsequently, the calling side gateway device proceeds in the connection of the call to the called side gateway device. When a call setup is accepted between the gateway devices at the calling side and the called side, audio data are transmitted/received according to a protocol for transferring real-time data. Thus, Iwama teaches a three-step procedures, that is, a procedure of **determining** the gateway device of a connection destination, a procedure of connecting a call to the gateway device thus determined and a procedure of transferring real-time information between the gateway devices thus connected are carried out for the call connection (see col. 1, lines 1-50, col. 2, lines 20-25 and lines 29-32). The Examiner believes that **determining** the destination gateway prior to sending the call reads on the claimed feature of “wherein said step of implementation call setup within said packet switched data network is carried after information on resources status in the second telephony network is available”. The use of “out of band telephony signaling protocol” is inherent in Iwama. Also, Iwama teaches the use of a separate call signaling protocol (this can read on H.232 protocol, see col. 1, lines 15-18).

Regarding claim 23, limitations (this reads on the message transmitted between the calling side gateway and the called side gateway (see col. 8, lines 17-22).

For claim 28 limitations, see col. 1, lines 15-18.

For claim 29 limitations, see col. 8, lines 22-35.

Regarding claims 31 and 33 limitations, see col. 8, lines 3-13 and col. 21, lines 29-40.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 24-27, 30, 32 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwama (US PAT # 6,600,735). In view of Elliott et al. (US PAT # 6,614,781).

Regarding claims 24 and 30, Iwama does not specifically teach that "the out of band signaling protocol is SS7", as recited in the claim language.

However, Elliott teaches the use of a SS7 protocol in a voice over data network architecture (see col. 4, lines 30-49).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the use of an old and well known protocol such as

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SS7, as taught by Elliott, into the teachings of Iwama in order to have faster call set up in addition to efficient use of network resources. Note that SS7 is a tested and reliable signaling protocol with global acceptance.

For claim 25, Elliott teaches the use of sending IAM (Initial Address Message) see (Fig. 28 and corresponding text.)

For claims 26-27 and 32, Elliott teaches the use of ACM (Answer Complete Message) see Fig. 36 and corresponding text.

For claim 34, the send of a "release message" as recited in the claim language is obvious and well known in the art.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rasha S AL-Aubaidi whose telephone number is (571) 272-7481. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar, can be reached on (571) 272-7488.

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/Rasha S AL-Aubaidi/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2614